

E VISAS & INVESTING IN THE UNITED STATES

E-1 Treaty Trader Visa

E-2 Treaty Investor Visa

What is an E Visa?

Visa for nationals of treaty countries (including Canada) who are coming to the United States temporarily:

- To work for a company which is 50%+ owned by nationals of the same treaty country,
- (E-1) To engage in the ongoing bilateral exchange of a substantial amount of goods or services, OR
- (E-2) To develop, direct, or provide specialized skills to an enterprise in which the owner has invested a substantial amount of capital.

E-1 Treaty Trader Requirements

For a company/employee to qualify:

- The trade must already exist, or involve integrated, binding contracts that call for an immediate exchange of items of trade;
- The trade must be substantial and be in a continuous flow that involves numerous transactions over time;
- The majority of the treaty company's international trade must be between the U.S. and the treaty country.

E-2 Treaty Investor Requirements

For a company/employee to qualify:

- The investment must be substantial and sufficient to ensure the successful operation of the enterprise.
- The business must be a real operating enterprise.
- The investor must be coming to the U.S. to develop and direct the enterprise.
- If the applicant is not the investor, he or she must be employed in a supervisory, executive, or highly specialized skill capacity.

Who qualifies for an E-1 visa?

Examples of approved E-1 enterprises:

- A clothing retailer with the vast majority of international sales going to US customers.
- A consulting company that provides IT services to customers in the U.S.
- A company that exports large amounts of timber products from Canada to the United States.
- TV & film production crew coming to the U.S. to provide their services in shooting and producing a new television series.

Who qualifies for an E-2 visa?

Examples of approved E-2 enterprises:

- Large companies in the auto and auto parts industry.
- A company that builds custom motorcycles in Florida.
- A chiropractor with a medical office in the U.S. that has several employees.
- A company producing airplane parts for American aviation companies.
- A company setting up industrial mining facilities.
- A “Mom-and-Pop” gas station and convenience store with a few U.S. employees.

More information about E Visas

- Questions? Comments? More information needed? Check out our website at:

<https://ca.usembassy.gov/visas/treaty-trader-and-investor-visas/>

- Or reach out to us directly!
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What documents are required?

The full list is on our website. Some typical documents to show evidence of trade and investment are:

- Business registration documents, stock certificates articles of incorporation.
- Bills of landing, invoices, inventories, client lists
- Loan, mortgage or lease documents.
- Tax returns, payroll records.
- Licenses, utility bills, samples of advertising.
- Applicant's resume, training certificates, diplomas.

Your visa interview

Be prepared to discuss:

- Your business.
- The investment you made or are making.
- Your business plan.
- Your previous professional and/or business experience.

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Treaty Trader (E-1)

Treaty Investor (E-2)

